GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NATIONALISATION OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to nationalise rivers and water resources in the country due to water dispute between certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government for equal distribution of water among States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The provision in the National Water Policy, 2002 regarding 'Water Sharing / Distribution' amongst the States is as under:

"21.1 The water sharing/distribution amongst the states should b e guided by a national perspective with due regard to water resources availability and needs within the river basin. Necessary guidelines, including for water short states even outside the basin, need to be evolved for facilitating future agreements amongst the basin states."

"21.2 The Inter-State Water Disputes Act of 1956 may be suitably reviewed and amended for timely adjudication of Water dispute referred to the Tribunal."

The Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 has been amended in August, 2002.